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## REAGAN IS CALLED ADAMANT ON SYRIA

### He Bars 'Reverse Gear' in Spite of Shultz's Report He Made No Progress in Mideast

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WASHINGTON, July 8 — President Reagan was reported to have said today that although Secretary of State George P. Shultz did not make any headway on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon when he visited the Middle East, "there would be no reverse gear" by the Administration in pressing Syria to pull out its forces when Israel does.

A White House official said Mr. Reagan stressed very strongly "his renewed commitment to move forward" after hearing a report from Mr. Shultz on his round-the-world trip, which ended early today after four days of inconclusive talks in the Middle East.

In a related development, what was described as the secret version of a months-old General Accounting Office report discussing the likelihood of another Arab-Israeli war was released by a private group that is highly critical of Israel. The material, made public by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, described differing views by Israeli and American intelligence authorities. The report, which does not address the current crisis with Syria over Lebanon, said, "Israeli officials believe that another war with the Arab countries is likely." It said Israelis believed American military sales to Arab states "can contribute to threatening Israeli security."

The Central Intelligence Agency, however, "estimated that another combined Arab-Israeli war is unlikely in the near future," the report said. The report was completed three months ago, before Syria refused to go along with the American-sponsored plan for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon. Israel and Lebanon agreed on terms for an Israeli withdrawal that is conditional on Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization also pulling out.

Mr. Shultz, in a meeting with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria on Wednesday, was unable to persuade him to withdraw his forces. The White House official said that after reporting to Mr. Reagan on his trip, Mr. Shultz said American policy would be reviewed to see "what new alternatives, options and ideas that there might be for working out a resolution of the withdrawal question."

The chief concern of those at the meeting, the White House official said, was that the Lebanese Government not be disheartened by the lack of agreement on withdrawal.

"They discussed their particular consciousness and concern about the difficulties facing Lebanon, and the President asked that a strong reaffirmation be made to President Amin Gemayel of our determination to follow through on our commitment to help restore Lebanese sovereignty," the official said.

"The President stressed very strongly his renewed commitment to move forward promptly on both Lebanon and the broader process," the White House official said. "He again emphasized that as far as he was concerned, there would be no reverse gear."

The G.A.O., the Congressional watchdog agency, last month made public a version of its report on aid to Israel, and in many places information had been deleted. The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee said the document it made public today was the "uncensored version."

The group said it was making the report public because it shows "how the United States has abdicated its responsibilities to American taxpayers and allowed Israel to order whatever mix of economic and military assistance programs it chooses at the expense of America's unemployed, poor and elderly."

An Administration official who was read parts of the American-Arab group's version said it sounded authentic.

In one of the sections that was not in the G.A.O.'s public version, the report said State Department officials had said reductions in American military aid to Israel "could trigger a crisis in political relations between Israel and the United States."

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**SHULTZ REPORTS ON MIDEAST TRIP:** Secretary of State George P. Shultz meeting with President Reagan yesterday to brief him on Mr. Shultz's four-day visit to Middle East. William J. Casey, Director of Central In-

telligence, is at left, next to Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger. Seated closest to camera are William P. Clark, right, national security adviser, and Edwin Meese 3d, counselor to President Reagan.